



Children's Activities



Summer Camps



Nature Programs



Fitness & Dance



Sports



Swimming



Adult Classes



Trips & Events



Department Mission

The mission of the Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation, and Public Facilities Department is to enhance the lives of our citizens by providing a diverse package of recreation and park opportunities.

A parallel mission of the department is to provide optimum service to the general public and staff through the City's Public Facilities Division by administering a program of routine custodial maintenance, repair and upkeep, scheduled facility improvements and renovations, and immediate response to emergencies or disruptions to the work place or service environments.

Departmental Functions

The Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation, and Public Facilities is a municipal recreation department that provides comprehensive year round programming for sports, fitness, special interest, events and nature programs for all ages. The department operates and maintains 21 outdoor spaces that offer and encourage activities on our walking trails, playgrounds, swimming pool and the Rappahannock River. We strive to meet the needs of the population by providing affordable programs for City residents and non-residents alike.



Welcome!

From the Director

There's something special about coming home and that's just what it felt like when I accepted the title as Director of Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation. For those of you who don't know me, I was the assistant director here from 1985-2007 before I left to become the Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for Louisa County. I truly appreciate all the people who have called, emailed and stopped by the Dorothy Hart Community Center to see me since



Jane Shelhorse

January. It has been quite heartwarming to receive such a wonderful welcome.

I am excited to see how the department has grown in the last few years. The addition of Powhatan Park and the Cossey Botanical Garden, the expansion of facilities at Motts Reservoir, and the pickleball courts at Memorial Park, all give people new ways to recreate. Of course, the biggest and best additions are the Heritage and VRE trails. No matter your age or ability, these trails give everyone a chance to enjoy the outdoors, exercise and see another side of our beautiful City.

I am happy to join the group of dedicated professionals who all want to be the best at what they do. The administrative staff, program staff, and our maintenance staff all enjoy serving our community. Growing, improving, and doing more for our community will continue to be the mantra for the staff here at Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation.

Our department means many things to many people. Whether you participate in a special interest or exercise class, enroll your child in a camp or sports league, stop by one of our events, or enjoy the outdoors at one of our parks, we consider you part of our family. This summer we want to know, what does Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation mean to you? Visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/FredParksRec and/or send us an email at fredprpf@fredericksburgva.gov and let us know. You can even stop by the Dorothy Hart Community Center and tell me in person!

Just as the community has welcomed me back, I want to welcome you home to Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation.

~ Jane Shelhorse



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- Nature Programs x213
- Fitness & Dance x227
- Sports x214
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- Adult Classes x217
- Events x215
- Trips x217

Office Registration Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday - Sunday: Closed

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